



Gas Turbine Association
Kenneth Hall, Chairman

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Dear Chairman Smith,

The members of the Gas Turbine Association would like to thank you again for your strong leadership in ensuring that America's gas turbine industry continues to be the world leader in technology, innovation and efficiency. A strong gas turbine industry will create thousands of high paying manufacturing jobs, while at the same time lowering the cost of electricity for American consumers and significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The inclusion of a gas turbine Research and Development (R&D) program in your COMPETES legislation is a critically important step in assuring that the United States maintains its competitive advantage and historically strong position within the global market, where foreign competitors are often heavily subsidized by their governments. The global competitive threat is real, and the need for collaboration between the U.S. government and private industry is critical if we are to meet this challenge.

As the 114th Congress enters the final months of the session, it appears the opportunities for Senate passage and final enactment of the COMPETES legislation are increasingly limited. Should you decide to look for alternative legislative vehicles on which to attach your legislation, and specifically the gas turbine R&D provision we stand ready to support your effort in any way we can.

Thank you again for your leadership and hard work on an issue of critical importance not only to our industry, but also to our nation.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Hall", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature. Below the signature, the name "Kenneth Hall" is printed in a black, sans-serif font.

Kenneth Hall

Chairman of the Board
Gas Turbine Association